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SUBJ: JAL HIJACKING

1. WE HAVE FOLLOWING INFO FROM SOURCE CLOSE TO SAUDI AIR FORCE. WE BELIEVE UAE, JAPANESE, AND BRITISH IN DUBAI SHOULD HAVE IT SOONEST. REQUEST YOU MAKE IT AVAILABLE ORALLY TO THOSE PARTIES IMMEDIATELY WITHOUT DISCLOSING OUR SOURCE:

2. BEGIN QUOTE 2. THE SAUDI ARABIAN GOVT (SAG) HAS RE-SECRET

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CEIVED INFO (SOURCE UNKNOWN) THAT THE THREE (3) JAPANESE

SKYJACKERS OF THE JAL AIRCRAFT CURRENTLY ON THE GROUND IN DUBAI ARE ALL PILOTS OR AT LEAST HAVE SOME FLIGHT QUALIFICATIONS. THE SAG ALSO HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE SKYJACKERS MAY ATTEMPT TO USE THE AIRCRAFT IN SOME TYPE OF KAMIKAZE TYPE ATTACK ON ARAMCO REFINING FACILITIES AT RAS TANURA, SAUDI ARABIA OR ONE (1) OF THE LARGE OIL TANKERS SITTING IN RAS TANURA HARBOR.

QUOTE 3. IN RESPONSE TO THIS POTENTIAL THREAT, THE RSAF ARE KEEPING THREE (3) F5B AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE AT ALL TIMES--TWO (2) IN THE VICINITY OF RAS TANURA AND ONE (1) IN THE VICINITY OF ABQAIQ, BETWEEN ABQAIQ AND THE COAST TO PRECLUDE THE JAL AIRCRAFT FROM ENTERING SAUDI AIR SPACE UNDETECTED. IN ADDITION, TWO BAC LIGHTNING AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN ARMED AND ARE SITTING ON STRIP ALERT AT DHAHRAN INT'L AIRPORT. RSAF PLANS CALL FOR INTERCEPT AND POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF SUBJECT AIRCRAFT BY THE F5B AIRCRAFT SHOULD IT ATTEMPT TO VIOLATE SAUDI AIR SPACE AND SUBSEQUENT INTERCEPT BY THE TWO LIGHTNING AIRCRAFT. RSAF HAS NOT INDICATED WHAT INSTRUCTIONS IT HAS RECEIVED FROM THE SAG IN THE WAY OF ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN THE EVENT SUCH A SITUATION OCCURS. END QUOTE

3. WE HAVE INFORMED BRITISH AND JAPANESE HERE OF THIS INFORMATION. RUSH

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